

House File 16 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fees charged by the natural resource
2 commission to stock private waters with fish.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.78, Code 2011, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **481A.78 Stocking private water.**

4 1. No private water may Private waters shall not be
5 stocked by the commission unless the owner agrees that such
6 waters shall be open to the public for fishing, except that
7 the commission may, after investigation to determine their
8 suitability as to size, depth, living conditions for fish, and
9 management, provide a breeding stock of fish for privately
10 owned farm ponds on request of the owner.

11 2. The commission shall, by rule, set fees to stock private
12 waters with fish, with a minimum fee of five hundred dollars,
13 regardless of the size of the private waters being stocked.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires the natural resource commission to set
16 fees to stock private waters with fish by rule, with a minimum
17 fee of \$500 regardless of the size of the private waters being
18 stocked. Currently, the fish stocking fee, provided in rules,
19 is \$25 per acre or fraction of an acre of the private waters
20 being stocked.